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Dear Examiner Wilson,

Thank you for the courtesy of the interview of June 13 regarding the above referenced application. As we discussed, I enclose a proposed amendment and remarks for your consideration. I look forward to receiving your questions and comments once you have had an opportunity to review it. Thank you again for your assistance.

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1. Letter of Transmittal (1 page);
2. Amendment (8 pages)

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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A vent ~~consisting essentially of~~ comprising:
 - a) a metal body comprising an aperture for the passage of a fluid, ~~and~~
a first membrane bearing surface surrounding the aperture ~~and a~~
~~second membrane bearing surface surrounding the aperture;~~ and
 - b) a porous polymeric membrane having a first side in contact with the
first membrane bearing surface and ~~a second side in contact with~~
the
 - c) a metal shell having a second membrane bearing surface, said shell
being attached to the body by an interference fit, wherein an
~~interfering relation between compression of the membrane, between~~
the first membrane bearing surface and the second membrane
bearing surface forms a moisture proof seal ~~surrounding the~~
aperture.
2. (ORIGINAL) The vent of claim 1, further comprising a cap for protecting the
membrane.
3. (ORIGINAL) The vent of claim 2, wherein the cap further comprises at least
one perforation for the passage of a fluid.
4. (ORIGINAL) The vent of claim 1 wherein the membrane is gas permeable
and liquid resistant.
5. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The vent of claim 1, wherein the porous
polymeric membrane comprises ePTFE.
6. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The vent of claim 5, in which the porous
polymeric membrane comprises ePTFE and at least one support layer.